



VBC celebrates chaplains 231st anniversary

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MNC-I PAO

The modern day chaplaincy can trace its roots back to the earliest written records of the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 20:2-4 tells about a priest coming forward and speaking to the Army before battle, and Joshua 6:2-5 tells of priests playing trumpets to assist the people in tearing down the walls of Jericho.

Today's chaplains still provide service to troops.

The U.S. military officially recognized chaplains July 29, 1775.

The 231 year anniversary was celebrated Saturday, as the Chaplains and chaplains' assistants on Camp Victory gathered together on the V Corps Artillery Patio to commemorate the many years the chaplaincy has dedicated to the servicemembers of the U.S. Military.

The ceremony kicked off with Col. Kenneth Brown, command chaplain, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, giving a speech with a brief run down of the history of chaplains.

"Everywhere, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines are deployed in defense of our great country and religious support teams are

there serving on the front lines," said Brown. "For God and Country."

Col. Micheal Hoyt, command chaplain, Multi-National Forces-Iraq, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Randy

evening's festivities.

Food, darts, mini golf, karaoke and socializing filled the evening for the chaplains and their assistants.

"For 231 years, religious support team members have dedicated their lives in support of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines in the most difficult of circumstances and the most trying of locations," said Sgt. Maj. Eugene Zehner, sergeant major, chaplains office, MNC-I. "Many of our regiment have sacrificed everything for the religious support mission."

"It is important for us to recognize how far we have come in order to see where we are headed," said Spc. Joseph Rochel, chaplain's administrative clerk, MNC-I. "It allowed us all to celebrate the fact that we are a part of something much larger than ourselves."

Zehner went on to say that it is an honor to serve with the men and women who make up the military, and the Chaplain's Corps will continue to serve wherever and whenever America's best go.

"The celebration was in honor of the 231 years of exemplary service the military chaplaincy has given to our country," said Zehner. "The chaplaincy will continue to push forward in providing religious support for our warfighters. The message is timeless and even though the conditions and locations

may change, the personal delivery, or need for, ministry will never change."



Col. Micheal Hoyt, command chaplain, MNF-I, and Petty Officer 3rd Class, Randy Hansen, chaplain assistant, MNC-I, prepare to cut a cake prior to celebrating the 231st anniversary.

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Bandage controls bleeding, hemorrhaging

Story by **Spc. Curt Squires**

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The foot patrol is approaching its third hour. The Soldiers are hot, tired and hungry; but they are alert. Every rooftop, every window and every pile of trash is looked at with a watchful eye.

With the sun low in the sky, a masked gunman with a Saturday night special waits in a window ahead of the patrol.

Pop! Pop! Pop!

The first Soldier falls after a 9mm round pierces his leg.

The platoon medic is pinned down by enemy fire and cannot get to the wounded Soldier.

Another Soldier, a combat lifesaver, pulls the wounded to cover. He is bleeding profusely and instinct takes over.

Tearing the clothes from around the wound, it is now exposed. The combat lifesaver pulls the HemCon Bandage from the casualty's individual first aid kit and puts it over the bullet wound. A pressure dressing is then applied over the HemCon bandage.

Within 60 seconds, the blood on the bandage forms a strong, flexible barrier that seals off and stabilizes the wound.

A nine-line medevac is called in for the wounded Soldier.

The Soldier survived the gunshot wound with the help of a HemCon bandage.

The \$100, 4-by-4 inch bandage manufactured from a natural product called chitosan is ideal for controlling arterial bleeding and a severe external hemorrhage.

"You could have a hole in your heart and 60 seconds later, it is sealed," said Kenton Gregory, HemCon inventor.

Half of all deaths on the battlefield are due to uncontrollable

bleeding, said Gregory. Gauze is often no match for a spurting wound, however, the blood thirsty HemCon bandage is.

The bandage contains positively charged chitosan, extracted from shrimp shells, that attracts negatively-charged red blood cells, said Maj. John. R. Bailey, chief of medical logistics, Multi-National Corps-Iraq Surgeon's Office.

The bandage has a shelf life of two years, Bailey added.

To maximize the two-year shelf life, the HemCon Bandage should be stored inside the Soldier's medic bag, CLS bag, or IFAK, said Bailey.

Prolonged exposure to temperatures over 110 degrees can degrade the effectiveness of the dressing.

"The bandage is fine being on patrols and convoys, but when the Soldier returns, instead of leaving their gear outside, they should try and bring it inside, out of the elements," he said.

The outer packaging should also be checked, continued Bailey.

If the packaging is damaged, ripped or destroyed, the bandage should not be used.

Currently, MNC-I has provided the bandage to roughly 55 percent of the Soldiers serving in Iraq, said Bailey.

"Hopefully, by November, we will have one to every soldier here," said Bailey.

Once a Soldier is relieved in Iraq, the bandage will be passed on to his replacement in theater.

Although the scenario mentioned above is notional, the results are real. The HemCon bandage was designed to help save lives of the servicemembers in Iraq.



Illustration by Jason Lee

Letters from home

Col. Colleen McGuire, Provost Marshall, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

We miss you and look forward to sharing a baguette and some brie soon! Take care, thanks for what you do, and hurry home safely.

Love, Neville, Jane, and Ann

Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Wednesday



Sunny
High: 114 F
Low: 87 F

Thursday



Sunny
High: 115 F
Low: 88 F

Friday



Sunny
High: 117 F
Low: 90 F

This Week in Military History

with Lt. Tom Lewis, Australian Forces

Sixty one years ago this week, July 26, 1945, as Europe staggered out of WWII, the USA, Britain, and China issued the Potsdam Declaration. This gave an ultimatum to Japan: unconditionally surrender immediately, or face 'prompt and utter destruction.' The warning went unheeded. Japanese forces, habitually, did not surrender.

In three and a half years of fighting against a host of nations, Japan had come full circle. Its assault on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines saw American, British and forces of smaller nations such as Australia go stumbling back in defeat. Japan swept victorious through what is now Malaysia, Indonesia and New Guinea. Dismissals of Japanese forces as lacking in modern aircraft, fierce fighting men, and the technology of modern war had been ground into the dirt along with the pride of colonial powers and the defenders of fortresses such as Singapore.

Checked at the Battle of the Coral Sea, fought to defeat in New Guinea, and smashed at Midway, Japan started going backwards, but there was little surrender. The Japanese formed special squads of soldiers who deliberately committed suicide with the kamikaze aircraft, and the lesser known kaitens, or suicide submarines.

In fact, the very concept of never surrendering was actually an official policy. The Japanese Army's Field Service Code, or Senjinkun, was released with an imperial sanction on January 7, 1941. This decreed that it was impermissible for Japanese soldiers to become prisoners of war. The Senjinkun was widely publicized and confirmed an attitude that indeed was already widely understood. What was known as the Japanese Spirit was universally followed. One prisoner of war summed it up as '...the strength of mind to carry on with added determination when difficulties arise.' He commented further that 'to give in when beaten is the spirit of the Americans and British, and not that of Japanese, who will fight all the harder when defeat stares them in the face.' General Slim noted: 'If five hundred Japanese were ordered to hold a position, we had to kill four hundred and ninety-five before it was ours, and then the last five killed themselves.'

Did you know...

The Japanese word 'kamikaze' is a rough translation of 'Divine Wind' and refers to a real wind that saved the Japanese Navy from defeat. The Chinese fleet of Kublai Khan was poised to invade Japan in 1281. Some sources say over 4,000 ships and 150,000 men were in the invasion force when a typhoon wind arose and smashed into the fleet at that time moored and with many vessels tied together. The wind was so destructive that many of the ships were damaged to the extent where the invasion could not continue. The idea of a 'wind' of suicide bombers to save the home islands was brought into use hundreds of years later. Tactically, the idea worked well – the US aircraft carriers with their wooden decks were more vulnerable than the British steel-clad ships operating in the Pacific, and other vessels such as cruisers could be seriously damaged by just one of the explosive-packed one-way aircraft sent to dive into them, dodging defending fighters and braving anti-aircraft fire to make the final sacrifice. Some 'kamikazes' were, however, normal aircraft whose pilots had decided with the machine too badly damaged to return to base to sacrifice themselves for the greater cause. In general, although the overall figures are difficult to calculate, thousands of kamikaze attacks sunk or damaged hundreds of ships and killed thousands of Allied sailors.

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Chaplain's corner

I Didn't Do Nothing

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins," James 4:17

When severely questioned by his sergeant, the young Soldier replied, "I didn't do nothing, so don't blame me!" With his hands on his hips and almost literally nose to nose the sergeant replied, "That's my point, Soldier. You knew about the problem and did nothing!" How many of us can admit to the young Soldiers mistake?

Several months ago I read *Eight Men Out* by Eliot Asinof. It is a book about the 1919 "Black Sox" baseball scandal where eight team members of the Chicago White Sox were accused of taking bribes from gamblers in exchange for losing the World Series on purpose! All eight players were banned from baseball for life, although they were not convicted in civil court.

Buck Weaver, one of the great third basemen of his time, and the only man Ty Cobb would not bunt against, was one of those eight players. He claimed that he played to win (his series statistics would support his claim) knowing the other players were playing to lose. Even so, the commissioner, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, ruled that any player who had knowledge of the scandal and deliberately chose not to report it would be banned. Weaver,



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also known as the "Ginger Kid," was not banned for doing wrong, but for doing nothing – failing to do what was right. Buck tried several times during his life to clear his name and be reinstated into baseball. Each time he was unsuccessful.

Saint James is talking about the same thing – "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." As a person of faith, I have the opportunity to do good in a world filled with strife and dissention. This means I must resist the urge to do nothing. It is easier to walk by problems than to take the time and do the right thing to correct the problem. My first

sergeant says, "If you walk by a problem, you become part of the problem!"

In an environment where doing nothing may cost lives, we must not let our guard down for a single second. This is not a game. Soldier's lives are on the line every single second. Death is a permanent banishment.

When faced with the choice between doing good and doing nothing, I must always choose to do what is right. My prayer is that it may never be said that I failed to do what I knew to be right.

Again, it was a professional NCO who taught me a lesson today. Thanks sergeant – "VICTORY."

NTV registration ensures force protection, accountability

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MNC-I or MND-B NTV managers in order to register the vehicles within their brigade element. This will assist the brigades in maintaining proper

know our vehicles," said Sgt. 1st Class Darrick Brown, G-4 mortuary affairs, 4th Infantry Division. "When you're dealing with NTVs, they have them in the local community. It's a force protection and accountability issue."

To ensure force protection and proper accountability measures are taken, all non-tactical vehicles on Victory Base Complex must be registered.

All government leased, contract owned and locally leased vehicles must be registered at the NTV Maintenance Facility on Victory by Sept. 1.

After Sept. 2, NTVs without proper registration may not refuel.

There are many vehicles moving on Victory, and the command needs to know what is moving on post and coming in and off VBC, said Sgt. 1st Class Jerel Safford, C-4 petroleum, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

"We want to make sure every vehicle is accounted for," he said. "Each brigade needs to identify an NTV manager that will schedule an appointment through



All non-tactical vehicles on Victory Base Complex need to be registered to ensure force protection and proper accountability.

accountability of their non-tactical vehicles, making it more of a structured process."

"We have tactical vehicles and we

In order to register a vehicle, NTV managers must fill out a registration packet, bring in the last updated dispatch and an installation property book office hand receipt to the NTV Maintenance Facility.

"We want to allocate our resources and gain proper accountability," Brown said. "We need to know what equipment we have. If vehicles aren't being registered, that means they don't have a maintenance contract. If they don't have a maintenance contract, that means the vehicles are not receiving proper maintenance."

To find out more information on registering vehicles, please contact Brown or Safford.

Ornithology at the Palace

Pied Kingfisher

By Capt. Alison M. Tulud

MNC-I SJA

While here in Iraq, take the opportunity to study a variety of birds that you may never see again in their native habitat. The Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis*, is a year round resident of Iraq's waterways.

Pictured here is the male of the species showing two black breast bands, the females sport a solo stripe. A fantastically striking bird, you'll see them predominantly down at Lost Lake. They nest in holes in the bank and the parent bird will swoop in to scare off invaders - which includes you if you are running on the dirt path and get too close to their brood. They can hover at 15 - 20 meters above the water before diving for a fish but also take the plunge straight

from a perch.

One of their favorite resting spots is by behind the bus stop by the date palm grove in the northern corner of the lake near the Mosque.



A fairly large bird, they stand approximately eight inches tall and miraculously manage to sit upright with that tremendous beak. Their striking plumage lasts throughout the year and the youngsters may be picked out by a grey breast band. Normally seen solo, especially along the canal, there is a family of three that flies over the lake in the early morning. The plentiful fishing opportunities on the Victory Base Complex provide ample food for the adults to raise their young.

Look out for this unmistakable bird and thrill your running partner with a rendition of their loud and noisy chattering call "chirrick, chirrick, chirrick."

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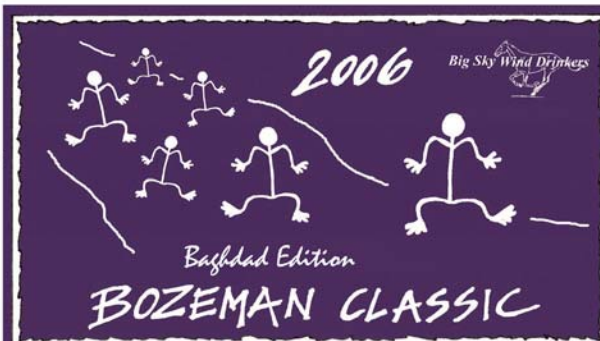
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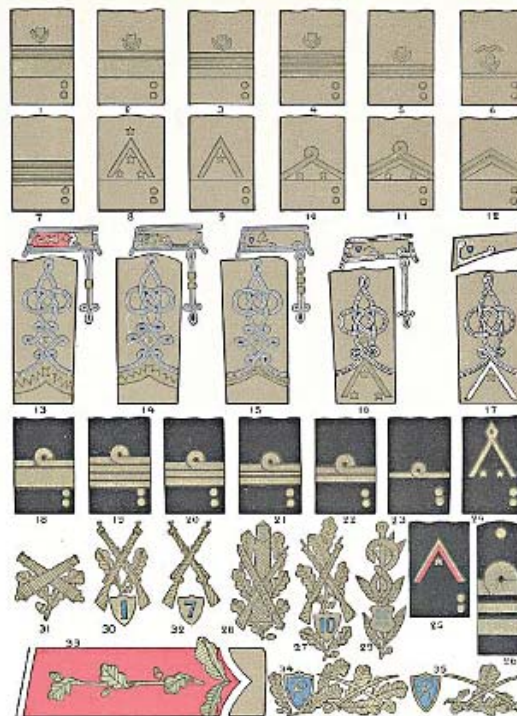
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Latter Day Saints Service 1400
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Contemporary Protestant Service 1800

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